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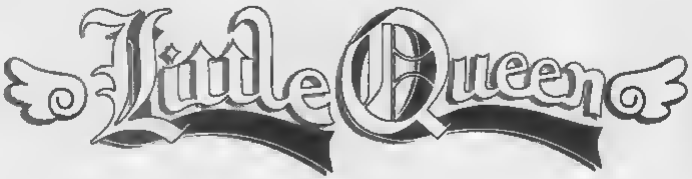

With the naming of the new Queen of Light drawing ever closer, the halls of Rohini Academy echo with whispers of fear and mistrust. June increasingly seems to be the likely contestant to win the Queen of Light competition, but this doesn't bode well for the future of her friendship with Sejuru. His and June's fate appear to be on a collision course, as Sejuru struggles with his destiny– becoming the Prince of Darkness, the Demon King, the sworn enemy of the Queen of Light...

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YOU TOLD ME, YURI.
YOU SAID I DON'T HAVE TO BECOME A HOLY KNIGHT.
IT DOESN'T MEAN MY CONCERNS ARE INSIGNIFICANT.
I KNOW YOU THINK JUNE SHOULD BECOME QUEEN.
WERE YOU SAYING JUNE AND I COULD STAY CLOSE EVEN IF SHE WAS QUEEN AND I WASN'T A KNIGHT?

BUT YURI...

...THAT'S NOT THE ONLY THING I WANT.

REGULAR KIDS DREAM ABOUT WHAT THEY WANT TO BE WHEN THEY GROW UP.
I WANT TO BE A HOLY KNIGHT.
IT'S GOOD TO BE TOGETHER
IT'S GOOD TO LIVE TOGETHER.

THE THOUGHT MAKES ME SO HAPPY I COULD CRY.
MY HEART COULD BURST.
YURI!
WHERE ARE YOU GOING IN THE MIDDLE OF CLASS?
THE SKY!
THE SKY TURNED RED!
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?
THE OMEN HAS APPEARED!

IT MAKES SENSE, EVEN THOUGH IT SEEMS NOT TO.
JUNE!
BUT SOMETIMES, I FEEL THERE'S SOMETHING MORE.
AS HUMANS CANNOT LIVE ON BREAD ALONE, PERHAPS WE CANNOT LIVE BY HUMANS ALONE.
JUNE, WHAT'S WRONG?
JUNE!
YOUR WORDS MADE ME SAD.
BUT DESPITE THE SADNESS ...
...I NOW UNDERSTAND.

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AHH!

AN EVIL HAND IN THE SANCTUARY?!
WHAT'S HAPPENING?
YURI! WHY ARE YOU JUST STANDING THERE?
KNIGHTS! TO THE SANCTUARY!
YURI!
YURI...

WHEN DO YOU PRAY?
DO YOUR PRAYERS REACH THE HEAVENS?
HAVE YOU BEEN BLESSED?

OF COURSE!
WHY DION'T I REALIZE IT BEFORE?
I REMEMBER WHERE I SAW YOU.
I OVERLOOKED YOU, TUCKED AWAY IN THE SCHOOL.

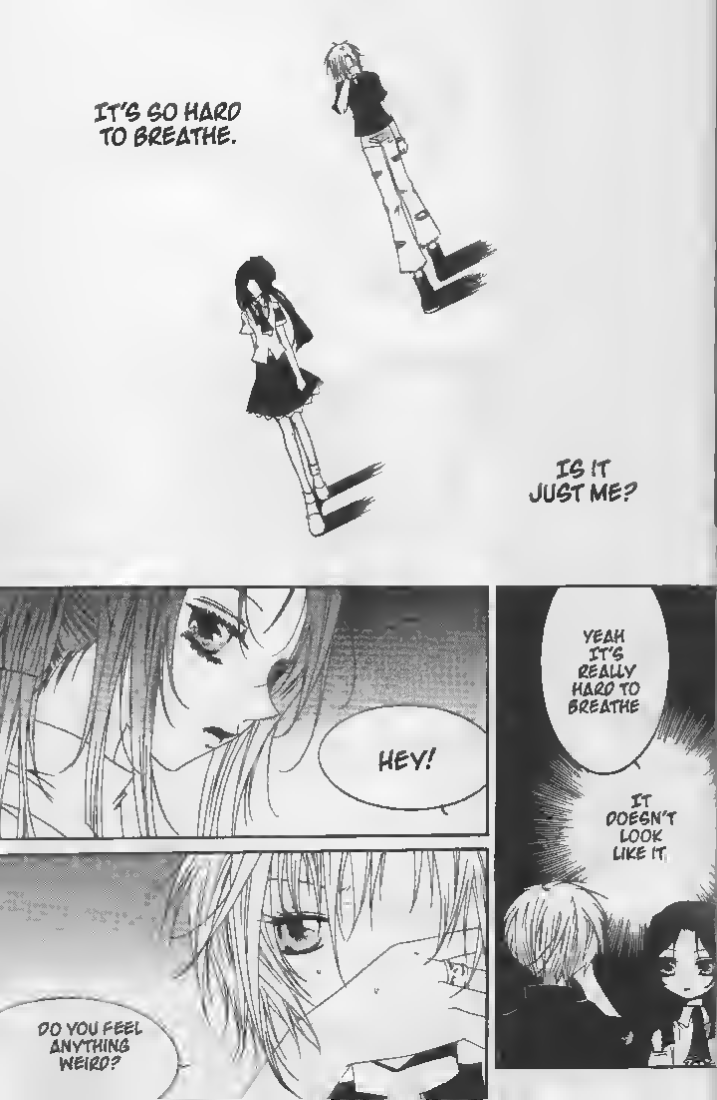
KIO...
YOU ARE EITHER VERY RECKLESS, OR VERY BOLD.

MY PRAYERS LOST THEIR WAY.

JUNE AND SEJURU -- BY THE EVIL ONES?
.....
AH!
I DON'T KNOW ANYMORE
THIS WAY...
!
RIGHT?

WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
AREN'T YOU GOING TO GO WITH THEM?

HUH!
HUH!
WHAT IS THIS?
HUH!
HUH!


IT'S SO HARD TO BREATHE.
IS IT JUST ME?
HEY!
DO YOU FEEL ANYTHING WEIRD?
YEAH IT'S REALLY HARD TO BREATHE
IT DOESN'T LOOK LIKE IT

OH, WELL. WHY IS IT SO HARD FOR ME?
.....
I DON'T KNOW WHERE TO GO! WHERE ARE THEY?
IF WE DON'T FIND THEM SOON...
THIS EVIL ENERGY COULD KILL THEM!

I DON'T GET IT.
...
YOU'RE SO NICE.
WHY DOES EVERYONE THINK YOU'RE COLD?
IT DOESN'T MATTER.
WHY NOT?
NO ONE IS AN ISLAND.

I MEAN ...
...THERE MUST BE SOMEONE WHO GETS YOU.
IT MUST BE DIFFICULT...
A QUEEN WHO LIVES ALONE.

IS THAT YOUR VIEW AS A JUDGE?
IT'S MY VIEW AS SOMEONE OLDER THAN YOU
HEH.
WHAT?
I KNOW WHAT YOU THINK.
DON'T TREAT ME LIKE A CHILD.

I DO.
I THINK IT MYSELF, SOMETIMES.
ABOUT WHETHER I'M BROKEN.
CAN [illegible] LIKE ME [illegible] THE QUEEN OF LIGHT?
IS THAT WHY I GAVE UP FIRST PLACE TO JUNE?
IF I CANNOT BE QUEEN...
...WOULD IT REALLY BE SO BAD?
MAYBE I WOULD BE HAPPIER.

WHATEVER HAPPENS...
...YOU MUST KEEP YOUR PROMISE.
...!...
NEVER FORGET.
I TRUST YOU.

SO...
PROMISE!
...!

IT'S A DEAL.
JUNE?

LUCIA...
JUNE...
JUNE?

...
JUNE.
WAKE UP!
JUNE!
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JUNE?
JUNE!
WAKE UP!
...
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JUNE.

WHAT ARE YOU DOING?!
JUNE!
GET UP!
GET UP!
UP!
I SAID, GET UP!
JUNE MARCIEQ!

WAKE UP, YOU BITCH!

HUH!
HUH!
HUH!
STILL...
STEADY,
BLUE EYES.
STILL...

TWINKLING
BRIGHTLY.
LUCIA...

...I CAN SEE YOUR PANTIES.
AIEE!
WHAT ARE YOU DOING IN A PLACE LIKE THIS? AND SEJURU?
I ...
Safe return.

IT WAS SO HARD TO BREATHE.
ALL THESE STRANGE MEMORIES FLOODED BACK...
SO?
I WAS ASLEEP.
WHAT?
I SAID I WAS SLEEPING.
AIGH!
ORNAMENTAL HANGING
HER PERSONALITY...

I DON'T KNOW. I MUST HAVE LOST HIM. I COULDN'T FIND HIM ANYWHERE
SO...
YOU WERE JUST SLEEPING HERE ALONE? WHERE'S SEJURU?
WHAT?

WHAT
KIND
OF--

WHAT IN THE WORLD...?
SEJURU?

Little Queen

WHY IS THAT WOMAN ATTACKING SEJURU?

THIS IS...
...THE SANCTUARY!
THE ANGEL STATUE...
...IT'S BROKEN AGAIN!

HOW?
A DEMON? WHAT DOES THE CAPTAIN MEAN?
WHO KNOWS?!
STOP HER!
NOTHING MUST HAPPEN TO THAT BOY!

BY ORDER OF HER MAJESTY!
KUK!

MY HAND!
SEJUBU!
NO!
CAPTAIN MAYANNE!

KWAK
!!
YOU!

YOU HAVE A POOR MEMORY.
YOU WANT TO DO THIS THE HARD WAY.
I WARNED YOU MYSELF.

IF YOU'RE SO BORED...
...WHY NOT PLAY WITH ME?

Little Queen

A DEMON CHILD HIDDEN WITHIN ROHINI ACADEMY!
NOT JUST ANY DEMON CHILD!
THE SON OF THE DEMO KING HIMSE
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PLAY WITH ME.
TALK WITH ME.
MY DEAR. .
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SHUT UP.
HE SAYS TO SHUT UP.
LAUGH WITH ME.
LET M SLEEP
OH.
QUIETLY.
SHH!
SHH!

WHAT?

GIVING UP WITHOUT A FIGHT?
I CAN PROTECT YOU, SEJURU!
RAISE YOUR SWORD!
SEJURU!
BUT...

...A QUEEN DOESN'T FIGHT WITH HER OWN KNIGHTS.
IT'S UNUSUAL...

LOOK OUT!

I'M GROUNDED FOR A MONTH AND HAVE TO WRITE A LETTER OF APOLOGY
I'M NOT EVEN A CHILD!
MINISTER'S ROOM
SNIFF
I WAS JUST THERE.
THAT'S ALL.
IT WAS GOOD TO SEE...
I THOUGHT IT WOULD BE OKAY
A DEMON BOY LIVING AMONG US!

I MEAN
IS IT REALLY SO WRONG?
I...
=

YOU KNEW ABOUT THE BOY FROM THE BEGINNING.
YOU DECEIVED US ALL WITH YOUR SILENCE.
NO.

ARE YOU SAYING SOMEONE KEEN ENOUGH TO JUDGE THE ROYAL CANDIDATES COULDN'T SEE THIS?
I SWEAR, I DIDN'T KNOW.
SWEARING IS USELESS.
YOUR OATHS CANNOT BE TRUSTED.
YOU DON'T NEED TO TRUST ME.

IF SOMETHING LIKE THIS HAPPENS AGAIN...
...I SWEAR...
...I WILL PROTECT YOU.
I PROMISE.

PLAYER.
LIAR.
TRAITOR
OSTER.
HEAVY SMOKER
.....
ENEMY OF WOMEN!
THIS GUY FEASTS ON OUR TEARS!
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BE CAREFUL!
NOT ME
WHO'S MAKING THAT RACKET?

HMPH!
PF!
SIGH
I TRUSTED YOU.
I TRUSTED YOU, MR. SCHAUER!
I'M SO DISAPPOINTED

ALL MEN ARE THE SAME (EXCEPT SEIJUU)
HEY!
TAK
WHAT'S THIS FOR?
ARE YOU GOING TO DRINK IT?
UM
PINK WINE
GOOD JOB, EVERYONE I BROUGHT YOU SOME FOOD
BE STILL MY HEART!
ZZZZ...
SEIJUU!
JUNE!
HURRAY!
HA!
YOU THINK THAT WORKED, YOU SIMPLETON? YOU'RE SO PLAIN.

YOU CAN TRUST ME.
AS LONG AS THERE ARE NO SPECIAL PROBLEMS, I HOPE YOU PUT YOUR FAITH IN ME.
SPECIAL PROBLEMS?
YOU KNOW

YOU'RE AMAZING WHY WOULD I TRUST YOU?
JUNE.
.....
WHAT PROBLEMS DO YOU HAVE IN MIND?
I AM A PRIEST OF LIGHT.
IT'S NOT OUT NOW?
YOU ARE A CANDIDATE FOR QUEEN OF LIGHT.
UNTIL YOUR STORY COMES OUT, ANYWAY

NO.
YOU'RE SAFE FOR NOW.
GO TO BED.
YOU CAN'T SEE SEJURU YET.

WHEN CAN I?
I DON'T KNOW.
BUT LET'S NOT RUN WILD AND MAKE THINGS WORSE THAN THEY NEED BE.
I WAS SURPRISED TO SEE YOU STAND DOWN TODAY.
IT WAS A WISE MOVE.
....
LOOK.

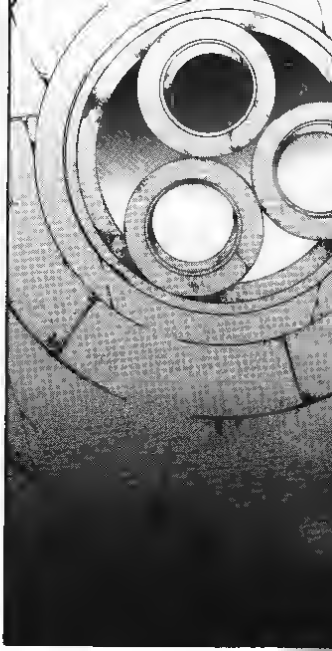
IF I HADN'T BACKED OFF...
...WOULD YOU HAVE DEFENDED THE CAPTAIN?
DO I HAVE TO ANSWER?
DO YOU LIKE HER?

NO!
IT'S NOT LIKE THAT.
LUCIA!

HUH?
JUNE AND SEJURU...
ARE THEY STILL IN THE ROYAL PALACE?
I THINK SO.
WHAT'S GOING ON? I HEARD YOU WERE THERE, TOO.
THE CLOSING CEREMONIES ARE TODAY, BUT THEY'RE NOT HERE.
ARE THEY COMING BACK BEFORE VACATION STARTS?

I'M SORRY
I DON'T KNOW ANYTHING
REALLY? THEN...
...HAVE A GOOD VACATION, LUCIA.
THANKS

SHE'S SUCH A TROUBLE-MAKER.
MAYBE HER MAJESTY IS PUNISHING JUNE.
AGAIN?
IT IS TAKING A WHILE.
THERE'S DEFINITELY SOMETHING BIG HAPPENING.
I'M SURE IT'S NOTHING THEY'LL BE BACK SOON.
I GUESS
I'M FEELING ANXIOUS!
LUCIA ISN'T TELLING US EVERYTHING.



GRANDMA...

...THE SUMMER NIGHT IS FULL OF STARS OVER MY HEAD.

THE NIGHT IS DEEP AND HOT.
I SHIFT AND FIDGET IN BED.
I CLOSE MY EYES AND TRY TO SLEEP.
BUT I CAN'T SHUT OUT THE NOISES.
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AND INVARIABLY MY THOUGHTS RETURN TO THAT PLACE.

THOSE HOT NIGHTS ARE SO FAR AWAY NOW.
THE WHITE BIRCH LEAVES CRACKLE IN THE WIND.
THE MOON-LIGHT POKES THROUGH THE WINDOW
THE OLD HALLWAY SQUEAKS WITH EACH FOOTFALL.
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A SIMPLE LIFE.

BUT...
...IT WASN'T MINE, WAS IT?
THOSE WARM, WRINKLED HANDS...

THAT FRAGRANT EMBRACE...
THAT WARM SMILE...

NOW...
...I CAN'T BE WITH THEM.

I CAN'T GO.
I'M SORRY.
I STAND AT THE END OF YOUR SWORD.

I'M SORRY.

BUT I AM NOT ME.

MOVING ON TO THE NEXT CASE...
WE HAVE A PROBLEMATIC PHRASE HERE.
PERHAPS THE TONE IS TOO STERN.
WE MUST RETAIN OUR AUTHORITY
LET'S STUDY THE LANGUAGE
YES, A DETAILED ANALYSIS
IT'S ICE WATER JUST ICE WATER
ARE YOU SURE ABOUT THAT PARAGRAPH THERE?
DO YOU HAVE A BETTER IDEA?
YOU'RE USELESS!
IF YOU KNOW EVERYTHING, DO IT YOURSELF!
A RAINBOW!

GREEN MOUNTAINS
.....
IS SHE REALLY A CANDIDATE FOR QUEEN?
IT'S A JOKE.
SHE TREATS EVERY PLACE SHE GOES AS HER OWN PLAYGROUND EVEN THE PALACE!
HOW CAN SHE BE THE NEXT QUEEN?
IT'S ABSURD!
MISS NARCIEQ.
WHAT DO YOU WANT?

AIR CONDITION-ING!
SERIOUSLY. PLEASE TELL US.
THE CIVIL SERVANT EXAMINEE'S REASON TO BEING HERE HERE
I WANT TO GO HOME.
THEN GO.

REALLY?
WE WILL ORDER THE PREPARATION OF TRANSPORT.
ONE MORE THING.
I WANT TO BRING THAT KID OVER THERE.
!

MISS NARCIEQ!
...!...
NO!
HOW DARE SHE BE SO BOLD!

WHY NOT?
REALLY.
TELL ME WHAT I HAVE TO DO, YOUR MAJESTY.
I'M RUNNING OUT OF PATIENCE.

YOU HAVE TWO OPTIONS.
YOU MAY WATCH HIM LIKE THIS FOR THE REST OF YOUR LIFE . . .

...OR KILL HIM.
HUH?
HOW-EVER.
YOU MAY NEVER...

...DELIVER THE BOY TO THE DEMON KING.
WE WILL NOT ALLOW...
...HIS COMPLETION.

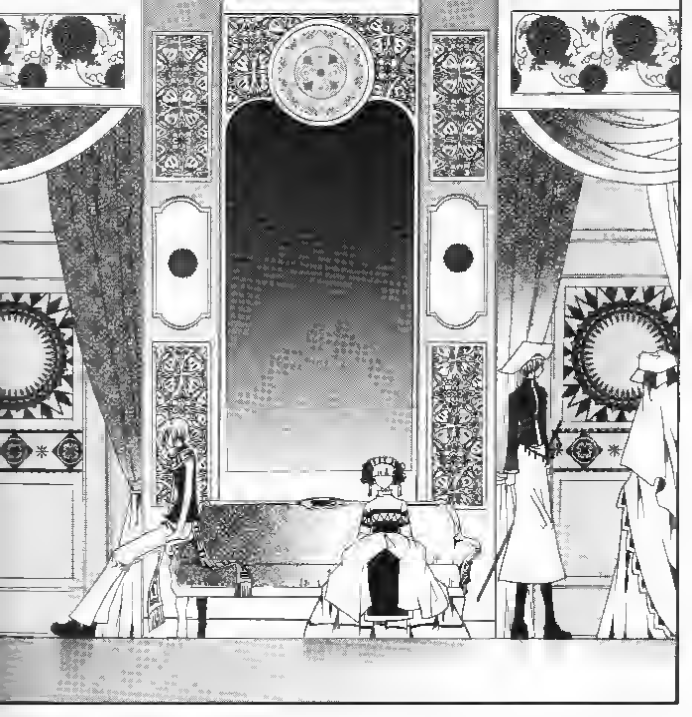
.....
YOU MUST ALREADY KNOW.
THE QUEEN OF LIGHT SEALED AWAY THE DEMON KING FOUR CENTURIES AGO.
SHE ENDED THE LONG WAR WITH THE DEMON WORLD.

FOUR CENTURIES OF PEACE.
THAT SEAL NOW WEAKENS THE KING WILL CALL ON YOU TO DELIVER SPENTA MINEA
THAT IS THE FIRST LEVEL OF THE SEAL.
WE BELIEVE...
...THAT BOY IS THE NEXT.

WHY AM I SO SPECIAL?
YOU ARE ONE AXIS OF THE WORLD. INFINITELY PRECIOUS.
WHY AM I LOCKED IN HERE?
MY DEAR...
...PLAY WITH ME.
THIS PLACE IS SO DARK.
I AM LONELY AND BORED.

KEK KEK KEK!
THEY ARE SCARED.
LIGHT DEMANDS DARKNESS
SCRTCH SCRTCH
GOOD DEMANDS EVIL
THEY CLAIM ONLY THE HUMAN WORLD IS GOOD AND BEAUTIFUL
DO YOU AGREE?
TELL ME

DOES JUNE KNOW, TOO?
GRANDMA SAID TO NEVER TAKE OFF THIS NECKLACE.
I KNOW YOU ARE CURIOUS.
SHE KNEW SOMEHOW.
DID SHE ALWAYS?
ALL THIS TIME?
SHALL I SUMMON HER FROM THE LIGHT TO PLAY WITH US?
WHAT AM I...
...TO HER?
I WONDER.
SHALL I?



YOUR MAJESTY.
IF THOSE ARE THE OPTIONS..

...THEN KILLING SEJURU WOULD BE EASIER.
JUST LIKE THAT.
.....

THIS IS ALL FOR YOU.
!
DO YOU REMEMBER WHAT WE SAID EARLIER?
THERE IS NO WORLD WHERE EVERYONE IS HAPPY.
IN SUCH A WORTHLESS WORLD...
WE ACHE FOR THE HURT YOU MUST ENDURE.

YOUR MAJESTY?
SOME CALL IT FATE
WHAT-EVER THE CASE...
..YOU ARE PRECIOUS DEFEND YOUR-SELF.
.....
NOW.
YOUR CHOICE...
YOUR DAYS AHEAD...
YOU FACE TRYING TIMES

DO NOT FORGET OUR CONCERNS.
YOU WILL FIND YOUR ANSWER WITHIN YOURSELF.
UNTIL SUCH TIME...
HOLD YOUR TONGUE A WHILE LONGER SO THAT WE MAY BELIEVE IN YOUR FUTURE
RE-MEMBER TOMOR-ROW

THIS...
THIS IS THE WISH ADULTS HAVE FOR CHILDREN.
MAKE THE JUDGMENT YOURSELF.

WHAT?
YOU DON'T KNOW WHETHER TO ACCEPT IT OR NOT.
YOU MUST COME TO A DECISION SOON.
YOU...
YOU ARE THE APPOINTED OFFICIAL.

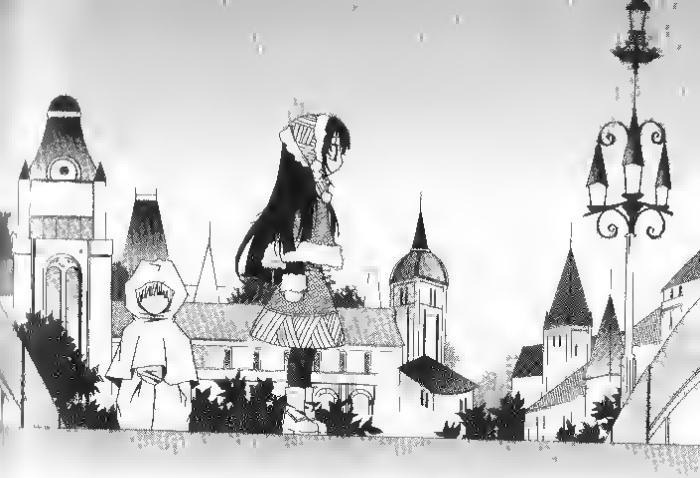
THERE ARE SO MANY CANDIDATES FOR THE THRONE
BUT...
...YOU FEEL NOTHING?
NOTHING AT ALL.

HE LOOKS LIKE US.
.....
HE'LL BLEED IF YOU STAB HIM.
HE'S WARM TO THE TOUCH.
YOU WOULD GO THERE.
WE EVEN TOOK BATHS TOGETHER WHEN WE WERE YOUNG
OH!

I DON'T FEEL ANYTHING ...
I FEEL NOTHING.
NOTHING.
... FOR YOU.
SEJURU. IT WON'T BE LIKE THAT.

DON'T EXPECT ME TO COMFORT YOU.
I WON'T BETRAY SEJURU.
THAT'S FOR YOU TO DO.
LUCIA.
THERE IS A LETTER FROM HOME.
LUCIA?

OPEN



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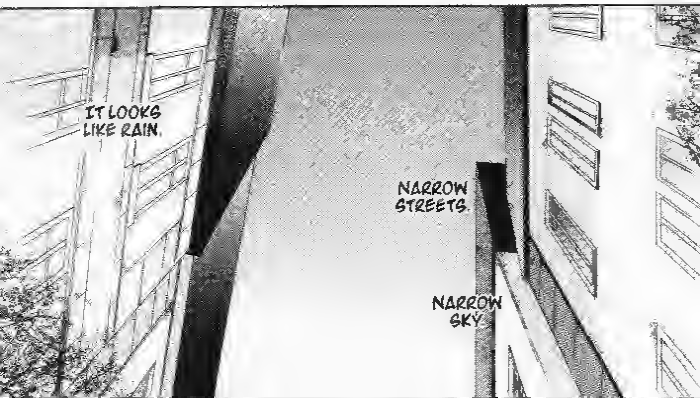
ON AN UNFAMILIAR STREET,
EVEN THE SKY IS STRANGE.



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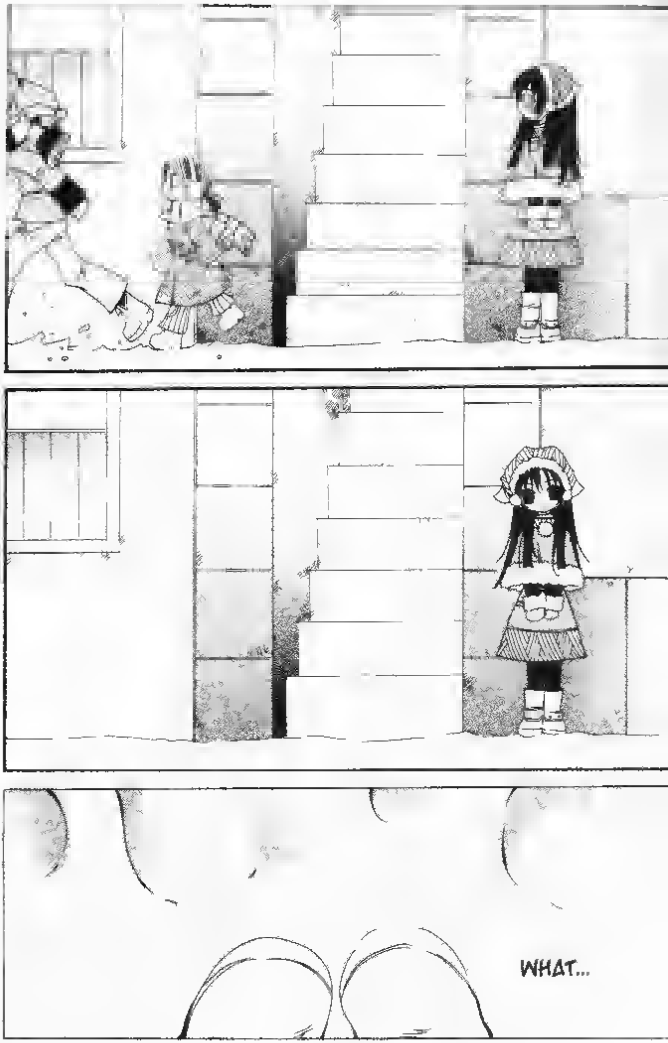
WHAT...

...COULD MAKE
THEM SO HAPPY?

WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE ALONE?
YOU DON'T EVEN HAVE AN UMBRELLA
LET ME TAKE YOU HOME.
I'M NOT A BAD GUY.
DOES HE REALLY THINK THAT'LL WORK? HE SEEMS LIKE A KIDNAPPER OR A PERVERT
HEY.

I GOT LOST.
I LEFT MY PATH ON PURPOSE.
NO.
I CHOSE TO WANDER UNKNOWN STREETS.
I SKIPPED THREE CLASSES. (WILL I BE HAPPY?) MY CLOTHES ARE ALL WET (AM I IN TROUBLE?) AND I MIGHT GET SICK
MOTHER IS MAD ARE MY TEACHERS DISAPPOINTED?
AM I A BAD KID?
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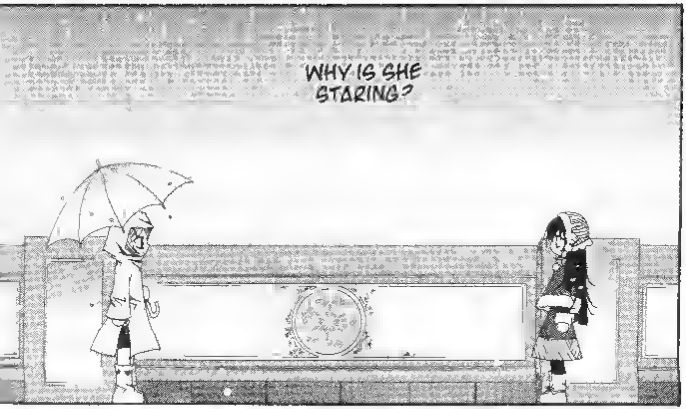
DOES THIS LUCIA GET TO BE QUEEN?

DO MY PARENTS CARE?

PERHAPS EVERYONE CARES

BUT IT DOESN'T SEEM LIKE A LOSS TO ME.

MAYBE I WAS A BAD KID.


WHY IS SHE STARING?

IS IT FUNNY THAT I'M GETTING WET?

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Spinning the umbrella
AH!
OH!
투둑
WHAT IS SHE DOING?
IS SHE SHOWING OFF HER UMBRELLA?
CONTINUAL SPINNING.
HOW CAN SHE PICK RAINDROPS ON ME?
STOP!
WHAT A STRANGE KID

ACH-OO!
HELLO.
ARE YOU FROM AROUND HERE?

NO.
SO YOU PROBABLY DON'T KNOW RAINBOW HILL, EITHER
NOPE
STUDIO.
ALL THE KIDS FROM MY NEIGHBORHOOD PLAY THERE
I'M NOT FROM THIS NEIGHBOR-HOOD!
ANYWAY, I DON'T HAVE TIME TO PLAY.
WHY?

WOULD IT EVEN MATTER?

EITHER WAY

GET RID OF THEM!
A FUTURE QUEEN DOESN'T WASTE HER TIME WITH FILTHY DOLLS WHEN SHE COULD BE IMPROVING HERSELF
.....
THROW THEM AWAY WITH YOUR OWN HANDS!
DON'T SIT ON THE GROUND A REAL WOMAN STANDS

DON'T CRY.
A REAL WOMAN SHOWS NO EMOTION.
BUT...
...WHO DO I HOLD IF I GET SCARED IN THE NIGHT? WHO COMFORTS ME IF I GET IN TROUBLE AT SCHOOL?
NOT MY MOTHER.

IF I BECOME A BAD GIRL, DOES GOD TURN HIS BACK ON ME, TOO?
TOSSED ASIDE.
PUNISHED.
WOULD I LOSE THAT BRIGHT LIGHT?
COULD I EVER GO HOME AGAIN?
WHAT WOULD HAPPEN TO ME?

ARE YOU CRYING?
NO WAY! THESE ARE JUST RAINDROPS
IT RAINS FROM YOUR EYES?
SHE'S A MEAN GIRL
I HAVE TO GO.
WAIT!
I WANTED TO ASK YOU SOMETHING
WHAT?

WILL YOU GUARD RAINBOW HILL FOR ME?
KOREI HOUSE
I TOLD YOU I DON'T KNOW WHERE THAT IS
YOU'LL FIND IT.
IT GLITTERS.
JUST LIKE YOU.

I...
GLITTER?
YES! YOU SHINE SO BRIGHTLY I THOUGHT YOU WERE A STAR.
I HAVE TO MOVE AWAY TOMORROW. I CAME OUT TO TELL THE OTHER KIDS I'M LEAVING BUT IT'S RAINING, SO NOBODY CAME OUT
WOW.
I PROTECTED THE HILL FROM THE UPTOWN KIDS

I'LL GIVE YOU THIS UMBRELLA AND YOU CAN TAKE MY PLACE.
!
I'M NOT SUPPOSED TO ACCEPT GIFTS.
BUT SHE ISN'T SURE.
IT'S BRAND NEW. MY GRANDMA BOUGHT IT FOR ME.
ISN'T THE YELLOW PRETTY?
I KNOW YOU'LL BE GREAT. BETTER THAN ME!
I DON'T KNOW HOW TO PROTECT ANYTHING
NO.
I CAN ALREADY SEE IT.
?

YOU SHINE LIKE THE SUN
THERE'S A PRETTY RAINBOW AFTER THE RAIN STOPS.
IN FACT ..
...YOU HAVE TO PROTECT IT AS WELL!

GUARD IT WELL!

THE WHOLE WORLD!
PROTECT THE WHOLE NEIGHBORHOOD!
I DID A FINE JOB.

BUT YOU WILL BE EVEN BETTER!
PROMISE ME.
EVERYONE, BE WELL!

A PROMISE.

THAT SHORT MEETING.
THAT SMALL FACE.

EVEN THE PARTS
NOW LOST IN TIME.

YOUR PURITY.

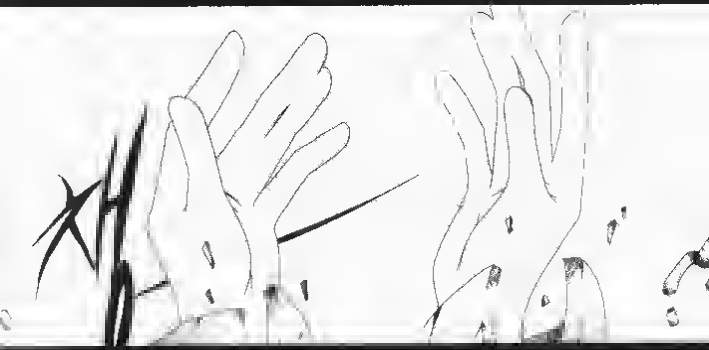
MY DESIRE.

I PROMISED.

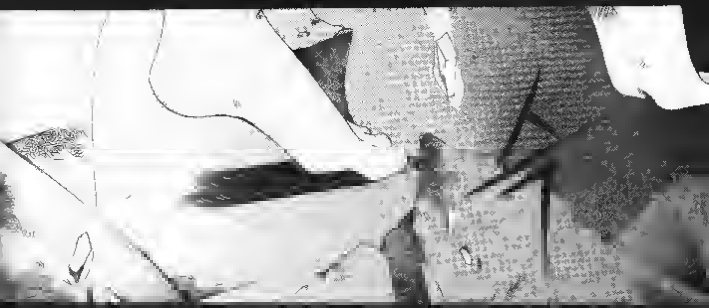
Little Queen

Over The Rainbow

AT THAT MOMENT...



WHATEVER MOVED INSIDE OF ME...



WHOEVER GUIDED ME..

...IT HELPED ME TO COME AROUND.

I WAS FLYING IN THE SKY
EVIL KRONIQ!
SYMBOL-IZING THE DARK SKIES
MEDIATOR OF TWO WORLDS

SEDUCED BY THE FANTASY WORLD.
UNDER THE FAMILY OF THE DEMON KING
THE FOURTH WING.

CAPTAIN!
WE HAVE PERMISSION!
HER MAJESTY DECREED IT!
WE MUST ADOPT A MEASURE IMMEDIATELY.
THE DEMONS' SAFETY IS NO LONGER OUR CONCERN

WHERE IS SHE?
WHO?
THAT TOMBOY WHO GETS IN THE WAY OF EVERYTHING!
!
OVER THERE!

ARE YOU GOING TO LOSE IT?
THE ONLY THING...
...I REMEMBER...
...IS YOUR VOICE CALLING MY NAME...
SEJURU!

JUST MY NAME.
YOUR NAME
SEJURU.

UNDER THE COLD WATER.
THE DARKNESS WITHOUT END.
THE KNIGHTS ARE MOBILIZING! YOU COULDN'T KEEP QUIET?
WE'VE GOT TO HURRY!
I SLEPT FOREVER.
SEJURU! COME ON!
I...

ONE WORD, REPEATED.

TRAITOR.
!!

HUH?

HUH?

AH.
THIS GUY...
TEDDY BEAR.

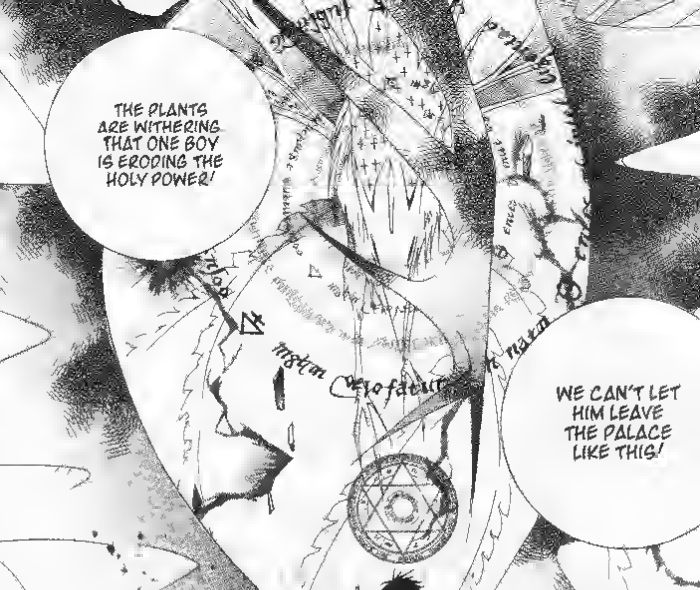
EZM
JUNE!
...!...
LOOK OUT!

NANNY'S SWORD!
THAT'S...
THIS BELONGS TO MY BEST PUPIL -- SEJURU!
WHAT ABOUT ME?
REALLY?
FROM NOW ON, THIS SWORD WILL ALWAYS BE WITH YOU
WOW!
WELL? YOU LIKE IT, RIGHT JEJURU?
YES!
WHAT ABOUT ME?

YOU MUST BE A GREAT KNIGHT!
♥
OKAY.
I PROMISE.
SEJURU!

SECOND-LEVEL KNIGHTS, FALL BACK! PROTECT YOURSELVES!
A ROYAL CANDIDATE AND THE NEW OFFICIAL OF LIGHT!
WHO'S IN THE BACK?

MY POWERS ARE BARELY MAINTAINING THE PROTECTIVE SPELL...
I CAN'T JUST PRETEND TO IGNORE IT ANY LONGER
WE HAVE TO DO SOMETHING!
WHAT?
WHAT MONSTER COULD CONTAIN SUCH TREMENDOUS ENERGY WITHIN THAT SMALL SEAL?
THERE'S NO WAY..


THE PLANTS ARE WITHERING THAT ONE BOY IS ERODING THE HOLY POWER!
WE CAN'T LET HIM LEAVE THE PALACE LIKE THIS!

SO.
BACK AWAY

MAJESTY!
YOUR MAJESTY, THIS PLACE IS...
CAN YOU HEAR US, YURI?
HOW IS MISS NARCIEO?
UM...
SHE'S BLEEDING HEAVILY. HER BODY TEMPERATURE IS DROPPING...
WE MUST HURRY

YOUR MAJESTY!
DO NOT WORRY.
SHE IS FINE.
IT IS TIME.
THIS IS MY FIGHT.
!
BEYOND TIME.
THE OTHER SIDE OF LIGHT

UNDER THE WATER.
WE HAVE NEVER GIVEN UP.
...!...

JUNE'S TREE!
SPENTA MINEA?
WE WILL FIGHT.
AND WE WILL WIN.
WE WILL CUT AWAY FOOLISH-NESS

TO BE CONTINUED

In the next volume, despite June's desperate attempt to remind Sejuru of his kinder nature and the redeeming power of human affection, the boy flees to the sinister hallways of the Demon Castle. There, he learns a terrible truth--not only about the Demon King--but of his own frightening origins...

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EXPANDING POWERS!

THE WORLD IS GETTING
WIDER, LITTLE BY LITTLE--
AND DEEPER, TOO.